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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Timothy M. RICHARDSON

Application No.: 09/673,671
(Nat'l. Phase of : PCT/CA98/00249)

Filed: September 7, 2000

For: MICROSCOPE SLIDE SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF USE

Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: Lee A. Fineman

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time for responding to the outstanding Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2003 from April 11, 2003 to May 11, 2003 (one-month extension). This response is being timely filed on May 12, 2003 as May 11, 2003 was a Sunday. The Commission is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for the one-month extension fee (\$55.00). A Fee Sheet is being filed concurrently herewith for this purpose. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for any fee necessary to maintain pendency of this application, with the exception of payment of the Issue Fee.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2003, Applicant elects Group 4, containing Claims 25-31, drawn to a slide system including electrical conductors. This election is made with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a search of the art for the other groups of claims. Further, it is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicant to prosecute multiple applications.